

Senate

Record of Committee Proceedings

Committee on Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs

Senate Bill 111

Relating to: retained earnings of telecommunications cooperatives.

By Senators Brown, Erpenbach, Grothman, Harsdorf, Jauch, Kanavas, Olsen and Zien; cosponsored by Representatives Freese, Gronemus, Albers, Gard, Hahn, Hines, Hubler, Kreibich, Loeffelholz, Musser, Nerison, Ott, Petrowski, Schneider, Sherman, Townsend, Vos and Wood.

March 10, 2005 Referred to Committee on Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs.

March 31, 2005 **PUBLIC HEARING HELD**

Present: (5) Senators Kanavas, Zien, Reynolds, Lassa and Decker.

Absent: (0) None.

Appearances For

- Ron Brown, Madison — Senator
- Steve Freese, Madison — Representative
- Ms. Christy Berger, Durand — Nelson Telephone Coop
- Mr. Bill Oemichen, Madison — Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives
- Mr. Matthew MacDonald, Madison — Kiosling Associates LLP
- Mr. David Jenkins, Madison — Wisconsin Electric Cooperative Association
- Mr. Ed Brooks, Reedsburg — Wisconsin Federation of Coops
- Mr. Rick Vergin, Dallas — Chibardun Telephone
- Ms. Lori Roemhild, Barron — Chibardun Telephone
- Mr. Dennis Bachman, New Auburn — Citizens Telephone Cooperative
- Mr. Jeff Kostner, Cochrane — Cochrane Coop Telephone
- Mr. Dave Lull, Blue River — Richland Grant Telephone Coop
- Mr. Dave Carter, Cable — Chequamegon Communications Coop
- Mr. Rod Olson, Westby — Vernon Telephone Coop

Appearances Against

- Mr. Wally Purdun, Madison — CenturyTel Service Group LLC
- Mr. Lorenzo Cruz, Madison — CenturyTel Service Group LLC
- Mr. Dan Mumm, Madison — CenturyTel Service Group LLC
- Mr. R.J. Pirlot, Madison — Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce
- Mr. Tom Hanson, Madison — Wisconsin Cable Communications Association
- Mr. Tom Mullooly, Milwaukee — Wisconsin Cable Communications Association
- Mr. David Walsh, Madison — Wisconsin Cable Communications Association

Appearances for Information Only

- None.

Registrations For

- Mr. Randy Siler, Downsville — West Wisconsin Telecommunications Coop
- Mr. Dan Anderson, Grand View — Chequamegon Communications Coop
- Ms. Cheryl Rue, Strum — Tri-County Telephone Coop Inc.
- Mr. Bryan Amundson, Oxford — Marquette-Adams Telephone Coop
- Ms. Ruthann Nelson, Waunakee
- Mr. Jeff Wiswell, Madison — Wisconsin Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs Association
- Ms. Melissa Duffy, Madison — Wisconsin Federation of Cooperatives

Registrations Against

- Mike Huebsch, Madison — Representative
- Mr. Raymond R. Carey, Madison — T.D.S Telecom
- Mr. Scott Stenger, Madison — Verizon
- Mr. Brandon Scholz, Madison — Wisconsin Grocers Association

October 21, 2005

EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD

Present: (5) Senators Kanavas, Zien, Reynolds, Lassa and Decker.
Absent: (0) None.

Moved by Senator Kanavas that **Senate Bill 111** be recommended for passage.

Ayes: (4) Senators Zien, Reynolds, Lassa and Decker.
Noes: (1) Senator Kanavas.

PASSAGE RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 1

Jeremey Shepherd
Committee Clerk